

REMARKS

Applicant submits that the present amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated December 26, 2007 and, thus, the application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-10 remain pending. Of these, claims 1, 4, and 8 are independent. An expedited review and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dwyer (US Pat. No. 6,687,508) in view of Cast (US Pat. No. 6,965,777). It is asserted that Dwyer substantially discloses a method and system according to the present invention as recited in the claims, but for a logic on a converter to convert DTMF tones to SMPP protocol. It is further alleged that Cast does disclose this deficiency and the combination of these cited references would have therefore been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Neither Dwyer nor Cast, nor any other related art of record, alone or in combination, disclose or fairly suggest the present invention as recited in the pending claims. For example, Dwyer fails to teach or suggest an arrangement for transmitting a page including an input to receive DTMF tones constituting a page from a source, logic on a converter to convert the DTMF tones to SMPP protocol, and an output to provide the SMPP protocol to a paging device. Stated more explicitly, Dwyer fails to teach an input to receive DTMF tones constituting a page from a source or logic on a converter to convert the DTMF tones to SMPP protocol. Dwyer discloses a wireless communications system utilizing a "main" number and an "auxiliary" number. The system translates messages received using the auxiliary number into the main number. See Dwyer, abstract and elsewhere. To the extent Dwyer discloses converting signals, it is to perform this step of translating from one telephone number to another. Dwyer does

disclose using this translation technique for pagers. However, other than the translation of numbers from one to another, Dwyer discloses only the traditional means for communicating pages. Where Dwyer does disclose converting DTMF tones, it is from DTMF to SMS, not from DTMF to SMPP. Further, the conversion is done with respect to a voice mail "callback" feature, not a page. A caller enters a number where he can be reached at and the system converts the number into SMS and sends it to the user. The system disclosed in Dwyer receives DTMF tones for a voice-mail "callback" feature, not a page. Dwyer, therefore, discloses only the traditional method of sending pages and fails to disclose translating DTMF tones constituting a page according to the pending claims.

Furthermore, Cast fails to cure the deficiency in Dwyer because Cast does not disclose an arrangement for transmitting a page with the same features as recited in the pending claims. At best, Cast discloses a Teknow system 212 that delivers paging requests in various forms, such as TNPP, SMPP or DTMF. See Cast, col. 5, lines 16-36. At no point does Cast disclose a logic on a converter to convert the DTMF tones to SMPP protocol, as recited in the pending claims. This feature is not existent in Cast. Thus, Cast cannot cure the deficiencies of Dwyer because even if Cast cured the one cited and admitted deficiency of Dwyer, it cannot cure all of the other deficiencies of Dwyer with respect to the pending claims.

Thus, neither Dwyer nor Cast, alone or in combination, teach all of the elements in the independent claims. Hence, the dependent claims, which depend therefrom, also are patentability distinct from any prior art of record. For this reason, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection. Furthermore, there is no motivation to combine any of these references outside of Applicant's own disclosure. Even if they were combinable,

arguendo, the combination would not be able to obviate the present invention for at least the reasons set forth above. Thus, the rejection of the claims should be withdrawn.

A TWO (2) month extension of time is hereby requested to enter this amendment. If any fees are associated with the entering and consideration of this amendment, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account 50-2882.

Applicant respectfully requests an interview with the Examiner to present more evidence of the unique attributes of the present invention in person. As all of the outstanding rejections have been traversed and all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If the undersigned attorney can assist in any matters regarding examination of this application, Examiner is encouraged to call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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